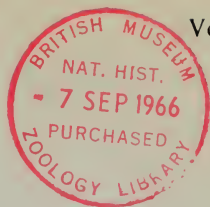


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The six hundred and thirty-fifth meeting of the Club was held at the Rembrandt Hotel, London, on the 17th May, 1966.

Chairman: Dr. J. F. Monk

Members present: 15; Guests 3.

Dr. K. Simkiss spoke on the subject of bird flight.

**A partial albino of *Crypturellus soui* (Hermann)
from Surinam**

by F. HAVERSCHMIDT

Received 30th December, 1965

On 22nd April, 1965, I received a female *Crypturellus soui* (Hermann) in which the dark brown plumage of the upperparts and the rufous feathers of the underparts were mixed with a large number of white feathers giving the bird a pied appearance.

The bird was captured a short time before near Lelydorp, Surinam and was kept in confinement before it died. It is now preserved under my field number 7286 in the Leiden Museum.

I do not know whether partial albinism has previously been seen in tinamous.

**A specimen of *Melanerpes cruentatus* with
a deformed bill**

by F. HAVERSCHMIDT

Received 30th December, 1965

On 26th February, 1963, I collected at a forest edge near Phedra (Surinamriver), Surinam, a male *Melanerpes cruentatus* with a deformed bill.

The upper mandible is much longer than normally and has a length of 32 mm. and it extends 15 mm. over the lower mandible.

The bird was in perfect plumage and condition and it was hammering with some others in the top of a dead tree. Apparently it was not handicapped at all by its lengthened upper mandible which seems strange for a bird so dependent on the use of its bill. The specimen is now preserved under my field number 5890 in the Leiden Museum.



Left. A male *Melanerpes cruentatus* with a deformed bill
Right. A specimen with a normal bill